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1. APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING RECENT TDY.
2. THERE APPEARS BELOW TEXT OF LETTER TO DR. MARIN AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRANSCRIBING AND DELIVERING LETTER TO MARIN AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE:

DR. HERNAN MARIN GUTIERREZ
SECRETARIO PRIVADO
MINISTERIO DE DESARROLLO ECONOMICO
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

DEAR DR. MARIN:

THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH MR. O'DONNELL AND MYSELF ON
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MARCH 30. AS WE DISCUSSED, THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ("OPIC"), A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY, WILL SPONSOR THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES' ANDEAN CONFERENCE FROM MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 26, 1977. THE CONFERENCE WILL

BRING APPROXIMATELY 30 TOP LEVEL U.S. BUSINESS EXECUTIVES TO COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND BOLIVIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF

INVESTIGATING THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN EACH COUNTRY AND IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. THE CONFERENCE WILL VISIT COLOMBIA MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 18.

THIS IS OPIC'S FOURTH INVESTMENT MISSION, THE PREVIOUS MISSIONS HAVING VISITED THE ARAB COUNTRIES, WEST AFRICA AND CENTRAL AMERICA. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT THE MISSIONS PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES TO DESCRIBE THEIR POLICIES ON DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT TO A SELECT GROUP OF U.S. BUSINESS EXECUTIVES REPRESENTING IMPORTANT COMPANIES IN PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS.

WE INVITE THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON MAY 16 AT 3:30 PM. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT COULD ADDRESS THE GROUP AND BE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLANNING OFFICE AND THE VARIOUS OTHER OFFICES IN THE MINISTRY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INCENTIVES IN COLOMBIA. IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MEMBERS OF OTHER INTERESTED MINISTRIES PARTICIPATE, SUCH AS THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, I HOPE YOU WILL NOT HESITATE TO INVITE THEM.

THE INITIAL MAILING FOR THE MISSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE EARLY RESPONSES INDICATE THAT THE MISSION WILL BE FULLY SUBSCRIBED BY TOP LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF COMPANIES. AS PROMISED, WE WILL SEND YOU A COPY OF THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEXT FEW WEEKS.

ONCE AGAIN, LET ME STATE THAT I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS REALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF THE 30 EXECUTIVES WILL BE CONVERSANT IN SPANISH. CONSEQUENTLY, THE IMPACT AND UTILITY OF THE MEETINGS WOULD BE ENHANCED IF GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING COULD BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. I SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER FOR THE MINISTER AND THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SPANISH.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO MEET WITH ME DURING MY RECENT TRIP TO BOGOTA AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN MAY.

WITH BEST REGARDS, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

B. THOMAS MANSBACH, DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN
INSURANCE.
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